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TO WHITE HOUSE WASHDC  
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WHITE HOUSE FOR HAMILTON JORDAN, LANDON BUTLER AND JODY  
POWEL FROM AMBASSADOR VANDEN HEUVEL

STATE FOR ASST SECY MAYNES

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE EC9 ARE PRESENTLY DRAFTING A LETTER  
TO PRESIDENT CARTER WHICH BELGIAN PREMIER TINDEMANS MAY  
DELIVER ON BEHALF OF THE NINE DURING HIS CALL ON THE PRESI-  
DENT, SEPTEMBER 8. THIS LETTER IS INTENDED AS A MAJOR  
STATEMENT TO URGE THE PRESIDENT TO KEEP THE US MEMBERSHIP IN  
THE ILO. IT IS EXPECTED TO COMMIT THE NINE TO THE CLOSEST  
POSSIBLE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE US. THE NINE WILL  
PROBABLY ASK THE PRESIDENT TO EXTEND THE NOTICE OF INTENT  
FOR AT LEAST A YEAR, SUPPORTED BY THE LEGAL OPINION OF THE  
ILO LEGAL ADVISOR. ATTITUDES REGARDING THE G-77 MAY BE  
RELATED INASMUCH AS THE NINE ARE NOW FOLLOWING UP ON EXTE-  
SIVE DEMARCHE TO LEADING G-77 COUNTRIES.

2. IN MAKING THE FOREGOING KNOWN TO US, THE BELGIAN PERMREP  
INDICATED THE DESIRE OF THE EC-9 TO MAKE THE CONTENTS OF THIS  
LETTER PUBLIC, IF THIS WERE AGREEABLE TO THE PRESIDENT. THEIR  
VIEW IS THAT THE LETTER COULD PROVIDE AN OPENING FOR THE G-77  
COUNTRIES TO EXPRESS THEIR COLLECTIVE OR INDIVIDUAL ATTITUDES  
REGARDING THE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES THAT WERE RAISED IN OUR  
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LETTER OF INTENT. SUCH A RESPONSE WOULD BE ENCOURAGED IF  
THE EC LETTER RECOGNIZES -- AS WE THINK IT WILL -- THE NEED  
FOR US AND THE IMEC COUNTRIES TO BE WILLING OVER THE NEXT  
YEAR TO LISTEN WITH AN OPEN MIND TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE  
THIRD WORLD. THE HOPE OF THE EC-9 IS THAT A NEW FRAMEWORK OF  
MUTUAL GOODWILL WILL RESULT.

3. I INDICATED THAT I WOULD TRY TO GET SOME SORT OF ADVANCE INDICATION FROM THE WHITE HOUSE THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD SYMPATHETICALLY CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF MAKING THE EC'S LETTER PUBLIC, NOTING ITS RECEIPT AND PROMISING TO GIVE EACH OF THE POINTS CAREFUL CONSIDERATION WHILE, OF COURSE, MAKING NO COMMITMENT AS TO WHETHER THE US WILL REMAIN IN THE ILO.

4. I WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE THE WHILE HOUSE AND STATE DEPT. VIEWS ON THE FOREGOING.VANDEN HEUVEL

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